IN THE CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1.   (Withdrawn) A method for sharing registry information among a plurality of heterogeneous servers, comprising the steps of:

creating a database registry such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

responsive to receiving a request to authenticate a user in said database registry, constructing a credential of the user; and

selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with a first server of said plurality of users.

2-4.   (Cancelled).

5.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the said credential of the user is constructed using a user identifier and a user password.

6.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein registry information in said database registry includes at least one of user registry information and group registry information.

7.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein access to the database registry must go through an adapter.

8.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the adapter is a user registry adapter.

9.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
      storing a definition of the user in said database registry.

10.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the step of protecting application specific data from unauthorized users.

11.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein said respective second database is a meta-data database.

12.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the resource is a Web resource.

13.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
      responsive to a request to disable a user from accessing a given resource, receiving the disable request at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers; and
      removing a definition associated with the user from a database associated with the second server.

14.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
      responsive to a request to disqualify a user from accessing a given resource, receiving the disqualification request at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers;
      removing a definition associated with the user from a first database associated with the second server; and
      removing a definition associated with the user from a second database associated with the second server.

15.   (Withdrawn) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein the first database is a registry database and the second database is a meta-data database.

16.   (Withdrawn) A system, comprising:
      a bus system;
      a memory, including a set of instructions, connected to the bus system; and
      a processing unit, connected to said memory and to a database registry constructed such

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that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

responsive to receiving a request to authenticate a user in said database registry, constructing a credential of the user; and

selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with a first server of said plurality of servers.

17.   (Withdrawn) A system for integrating a plurality of servers, comprising:

a database registry constructed such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective applications;

constructing means, responsive to receiving a request to authenticate a user in said database registry, for constructing a credential of the user; and

accessing means for selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with a first server of said plurality of servers.

18.   (Withdrawn) A computer program product stored in a computer-readable medium for sharing registry information among a plurality of heterogeneous servers, comprising:

instructions for creating a database registry such that registry information is separated into first registry information that is common to a plurality of applications running on said plurality of heterogeneous servers and second registry information that is specific to ones of said plurality of applications, wherein said first registry information is stored in a common registry and said second registry information is stored in respective second registries associated with respective

applications;

      instructions, responsive to receiving a request to authenticate a user in said database registry, for constructing a credential of the user; and

      instructions for selectively allowing access to a resource based on the credential of the user and a protection policy applied to the resource in an object name space associated with a first server of said plurality of users.

19-21   (Cancelled)

22.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein the said credential of the user is constructed using a user identifier and a user password.

23.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein registry information in said database registry includes at least one of user registry information and group registry information.

24.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, access to the database registry must go through an adapter.

25.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 24, wherein the adapter is a user registry adapter.

26.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising: instructions for storing a definition of the user in said database registry.

27.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising: instructions for protecting application specific data from unauthorized users.

28.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein said respective second database is a meta-data database.

29.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, wherein the resource is a Web resource.

30.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
     instructions, responsive to a request to disable a user from accessing a given resource, for receiving the disable request at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers; and
     instructions for removing a definition associated with the user from a database associated with the second server.

31.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 18, further comprising:
     instructions, responsive to a request to disqualify a user from accessing a given resource, for receiving the disqualification request at an adapter integrating the plurality of servers;
     instructions for removing a definition associated with the user from a first database associated with the second server; and
     instructions for removing a definition associated with the user from a second database associated with the second server.

32.   (Withdrawn) The computer program product as recited in claim 31, wherein the first database is a registry database and the second database is a meta-data database.